

WASHINGTON -- The House Judiciary Committee today favorably reported, by voice vote, H.R. 3654, the Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007, reauthorizing the Administrative Conference of the United States. No amendments were adopted.

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, chairwoman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, reported the bill out of the subcommittee, following a legislative hearing, in September.

The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is a nonpartisan think-tank that evaluates the efficacy of government agency rules and makes recommendations for reform. ACUS was reauthorized in the 108th Congress, but has not been funded since.

“There is a need for a permanent, neutral, nonpartisan entity that can dispassionately examine administrative law and make credible recommendations for reform,” Congresswoman Linda Sánchez said. “Through its recommendations, ACUS will save taxpayers many millions of dollars, far more than the modest cost of re-establishing it.”

Rep. Chris Cannon, the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, introduced H.R. 3654 with Congresswoman Sánchez as an original co-sponsor.